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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013 –	Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, El Paso. Associate Professor
2013 – 2018	Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, El Paso. Department Chair
2009 – 2013	Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming. Associate Professor
2003 – 2009	Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming. Assistant Professor

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## EDUCATION

2003	Ph.D., University of Colorado, Ph.D. (Philosophy). Dissertation: <i>Communication, Meaning and the Attitudes: Toward a General Theory of Content</i> . Advisor: George Bealer. Committee: Michael Tooley, Graeme Oddie, Christopher Shields, Laura Michaelis (Linguistics), Kent Bach (outside reader).
2002	University of Colorado, M.A. (Philosophy).
1993	New Mexico State University, B.A. (Philosophy, Psychology; minor Mathematics).

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophical logic, mathematical logic, 20<sup>th</sup> Century analytic, philosophy of science (esp. biology)

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## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

### Books

1. *The Indispensability of Intuition*. Cambridge Elements in Epistemology. New York: Cambridge (under contract)

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**PUBLICATIONS****Books**

1. *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge, Mind and Action*. Co-edited with John Bengson. New York: Oxford (2011).

**Articles**

1. "Action-theoretic foundations for epistemology"  
*Southwest Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming)
2. "Intuitions as evidence"  
In Lasonen-Aarnio & Littlejohn (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Evidence*,  
Routledge (2023)
3. "Non-propositional intellectualism" (w/ John Bengson)  
In Bengson & Moffett (Eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford  
(2011)
4. "Introduction: Two conceptions of mind and action" (w/ John Bengson)  
In Bengson & Moffett (Eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford  
(2011)
5. "Against a posteriori functionalism"  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, **40** (2010): 83–106.
6. "The folk on knowing how" (w/ John Bengson & Jennifer Cole Wright)  
*Philosophical Studies*, **142** (2009): 387–401.
7. "Reasonable disagreement and rational group inquiry"  
*Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology*, **4** (2007): 352–367.
8. "Know-how and concept possession" (w/ John Bengson)  
*Philosophical Studies*, **136** (2007): 31–57.
9. "Constructing attitudes"  
*Protosociology*, **21** (2005): 105–128.
10. "Language, communication, and the paradox of analysis: Some philosophical remarks on Plato's  
*Cratylus*"  
*Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy: Epistemology*, **8** (2005): 58–67.
11. "Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the Problem of Doxastic Shift"  
*Philosophical Studies*, **115** (2003): 81–97.
12. "A note on the relationship between Mates' Puzzle and Frege's Puzzle"  
*Journal of Semantics*, **19** (2002): 159–166.

### Minor Publications

1. “Review: *Norms and Necessity* by Amie L. Thomasson.  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2023)
2. “Addendum to Synonymy”  
In D. Borchert (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Supplement), 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York: Macmillan (2006).
3. “Generalized quantifiers and NP conjunction in intensional algebraic logic (Abstract)”  
*Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, **10** (2003).

### PAPERS PRESENTED

- Apr 2024 “Russellian presentationality”  
74<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley. Glenn Joy Award (Refereed)
- Mar 2024 “Inference and the ontology of reasons”  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV (Invited)
- Apr 2023 “Action theory as epistemology”  
73<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society, UTEP. Glenn Joy Award. (Refereed)
- Mar 2023 “Action theory as epistemology”  
Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, Duke University (Refereed)
- Feb 2023 “Action theory as epistemology”  
76<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Online (Refereed)
- Mar 2019 “A unified theory of basic evidence”  
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (Invited)
- Feb 2015 “The unity of understanding”  
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (Invited)
- Nov 2014 “Intentionality – Propositional and objectual”  
*Workshop on Propositions*, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX (Invited)
- Aug 2014 “Understanding, wisdom, & intellectual progress”  
*Southwest Epistemology Conference*, Albuquerque, NM (Invited)
- Nov 2013 “The dilemma of fair chase” — public lecture  
Boise State University, Boise ID (Invited)
- Nov 2013 “Understanding, wisdom, & intellectual progress”  
Boise State University, Boise, ID (Invited)

- June 2011 “A theory of wisdom”  
*Bled Epistemology Conference*, Bled, Slovenia (Invited)
- May 2011 “Conceptions”  
*Society for Exact Philosophy*, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg (Refereed)
- April 2011 “Intelligent action”  
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (Invited)
- March 2011 “Radical intellectualism”  
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (Invited)
- Aug 2008 Symposium on epistemic conservatism and metaepistemology  
*UT Austin Methodology Workshop*, University of Texas, Austin (Invited)
- Sept 2007 “Valuing the wasteland” — public lecture  
*Red Desert Symposium*, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY (Invited)
- Sept 2007 “Conservatism, stability, and the metaphysics of belief”  
Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO (Invited)
- July 2007 “Conservatism, stability, and self-trust”  
*Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University (Refereed)
- June 2007 “A paradox of ideal rational inquiry”  
*Episteme Conference 2007: Testimony*, Rutgers University (Refereed)
- May 2007 “Conservatism, stability, and self-trust”  
*Society for Exact Philosophy: Time, Logic and Exact Philosophy*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC (Refereed)
- May 2007 “Stability as an irreducible component of knowledge”  
*International Conference on Linguistics and Epistemology*, University of Aberdeen (Refereed)
- Apr. 2007 “Know-how and concept possession” (with John Bengson)  
Symposium, *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA (Refereed)
- Sept. 2006 “Domain-specific epistemic conservatism”  
*Rationality in Contemporary Epistemology*. Canadian Society for Epistemology, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, QC (Refereed)
- Sept. 2006 “Know-how and concept possession” (with John Bengson)  
*Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Washburn University, Topeka, KS (Refereed)
- Dec. 2003 “A semantic analysis of the Gettier Problem”  
Colloquium, *Eastern Division APA*, Washington, D.C (Refereed)

- July 2003 “Outline of a nonDavidsonian semantics for events”  
*It’s About Time: Theoretical and Experimental Perspectives on Tense, Aspect, Modality and Events*, Michigan State University (Refereed)
- June 2003 “Knowledge attributions as generic sentences”  
*Third Barcelona Workshop on Issues in the Theory of Reference: General Terms* (Refereed)
- Mar. 2003 “A solution to the problem of doxastic shift”  
Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA (Refereed)
- Dec. 2002 “Are ‘that’-clauses really singular terms?”  
Colloquium, *Eastern Division APA*, Philadelphia (Refereed)
- Nov. 2002 “Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the problem of doxastic shift”  
*Illinois Philosophical Association*, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (Refereed)
- Oct. 2002 “Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the problem of doxastic shift”  
*The Creighton Club (New York Philosophical Association)*, Cornell University (Refereed)
- Oct. 2001 “That-clauses, syntax and singular terms”  
*Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, Washington State University (Refereed)

#### PRESENTED COMMENTARIES

- April 2024 Comments on Heather Rabenberg, “Inquiring While Believing”  
*74<sup>th</sup> New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society Meeting*, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
- April 2013 Comments on Daniel Immerman, “A New Solution to the Surprise Test Paradox”  
Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA
- April 2009 Comments on Kevan Edwards, “Keeping Reference in Mind”  
Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, Vancouver, BC
- April 2008 Comments on Don Fallis, “What is Lying?”  
Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, Pasadena, CA
- May 2004 Comments on Richard Feldman, “Reasonable Disagreement”  
*Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, University of Idaho.
- Sept. 2003 Comments on Daniel Korman, “On the modal flexibility of causal laws”  
*Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, University of Wyoming.
- Oct. 2002 Comments on James Sage, “Two senses of ‘reliability’ in evolutionary epistemology”  
*Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

- Oct. 2001     Comments on Franz-Peter Griesmaier, “On explaining phenomenal consciousness”  
*Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, Washington State University.
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## GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS

### Grants

#### External

- John Templeton Foundation (subaward), *The Unity of Practical and Theoretical Understanding*, (co-PI, with John Bengson), 2014, \$98,989.00.

#### Internal

- Basic Research Grant, University of Wyoming, College of Arts & Sciences, 2003, \$2,500.00.

### Awards

- First Place, Glenn Joy Award. New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society. 2023
  - Extraordinary Merit in Research Award, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Wyoming, 2007
  - Graduate Student Presentation Award, the *Creighton Club*, 2002.
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## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Conference Committee, 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *New Mexico/Texas Philosophical Society*, El Paso, TX

Local Organizer & Program Chair, 36<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy*, Laramie, WY

Refereeing: *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthèse*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Dialogue*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Topoi*, *Ratio*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, MIT Press, Oxford University Press

Session Chair: *Pacific Division APA*, 2004; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University, August 2006, *Eastern Division APA*, 2011.

Conference Refereeing: *Society for Exact Philosophy*; *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*; *Canadian Philosophical Association*, *New Mexico/Texas Philosophy Conference*

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## TEACHING

### **Graduate**

Great Philosophers: The Philosophy of W. V. O. Quine

Great Philosophers: The Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein

Great Philosophers: Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*

Great Philosophers: Plato’s *Republic*

Theories of Knowledge: Modal Epistemology  
 Theories of Knowledge: Contextualism  
 Theories of Knowledge: Knowledge How  
 Theories of Knowledge: Basic Evidence  
 Theories of Knowledge: The Indispensability of Intuition  
 Philosophy in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Foundations of Analytic Philosophy (Frege, Russel, Moore, Wittgenstein)  
 Philosophy of Language & Formal Semantics  
 Philosophy of Language: Problems of Intensionality  
 Advanced Logic: Introduction to Mathematical Logic  
 Metaphysics: Time, Identity & Persistence

### **Upper Division**

Philosophy of Language  
 Philosophy of Mind  
 Metaphysics  
 Epistemology  
 Introduction to Metaphysics & Epistemology.  
 Philosophy of Hunting/Fishing [animal rights, environmental ethics and aesthetics]  
 Philosophy of Biology  
 Environmental Ethics  
 Political Philosophy  
 Formal Syntax  
 Native American Philosophy

### **Lower Division**

Introduction to Philosophy  
 Introductory Logic (quantified logic w/identity)  
 Introduction to Ethics  
 Philosophy & Society [introduction to social and political thought]  
 Critical Thinking: Puzzles & Paradoxes

## **Master's Thesis Committees**

### **Chair**

#### UTEP

2014, Ramon Alvarado, *Moral Supervenience* (Co-Chair, Caroline Arruda)

#### Wyoming

2013, John Poland, *Understanding Nature*

2012, Glen Nesse, *Arbitrary Things*

2012, Casey Hart, *Truth and Abstracta*

2010, Joe Mayes, *Reference and Stuff*

2010, Ian Harmon, *Specificity and Know-how Attribution*

2008, Erik Hoversten, *Disagreement in Context*

### **Reader**

#### UTEP

2022, Pablo Olivas, *Traveling Epistemology*

2019, Julisa Fernandez-Rivera, *The Latinx, Anti-Black Racism, and Forward-Looking Collective Moral Responsibility*

2014, Juan Torres, *The Problem of Using Evil Against the Possible Existence of God*

#### Wyoming

2008, Thomas S. Dixon, *Problems for Presentism*

2007, Robert Jason Williams, *Spinoza on the Relation between Substance and Attribute*

2007, Adam Ross Thompson, *Groundwork for a Concept-based Theory of Confirmation*

2007, Michael Farnsworth, *Improving Improvability*

2005, Chris Gaffney, *The Problem of Prior Probabilities in Bayesian Confirmation Theory*

2004, John Bengson, *From Inner Perception to Direct Attention*

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### University of Wyoming

2003–2013 Philosophy Club Faculty Mentor, University of Wyoming.

2003–2013 Director, Philosophy Colloquium Series

2003–2013 Graduate Admissions Committee

2004–2013 Graduate Program Assessment Committee, Philosophy M.A.

2005–2013 Undergraduate Advisor

2007–2013 Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee

2006–2007 Co-chair, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee

2005–2006 Ancient Philosophy Search Committee

### University of Texas, El Paso

2024 Member, Philosophy of AI Search Committee

2022–2023 Ethics Search Committee

2021 Member, Philosophy Chair Search Committee

2020 Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee for Professor Dasgupta

2020 Member, Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2019–2020 Faculty Senate

2019 Member, Philosophy Lecturer Search Committee

2019 Member, Third Year Review Committee for Professor Dasgupta

2019 Member, Post Tenure Review Committee for Professor Best

2019– Member, Professional Achievement Report Departmental Committee



- 2016–2017 Liberal Arts Committee on the Transition to Graduate School
- 2016–2017 Liberal Arts Committee on Stackable Degrees
- 2014–2015 Liberal Arts Faculty Leave Committee
- 2015 Chair, Administrative Assistant Search Committee
- 2014–2015 Chair, Philosophy of Mind/Philosophy of Science Search Committee
- 2013–2015 Undergraduate Advisor, minor in Feminist Philosophy
- 2014 Reviewer, UTEP Arts & Humanities Career Enhancement Awards
- 2013–2014 Chair, Latin American Search Committee
- 2013 Graduate Program Assessment, Philosophy M.A.

**EXTERNAL SERVICE**

- 2024 - Vice-President, Las Cruces Symphony Association
- 2022 - 2023 Board Member, Las Cruces Symphony Association
- 2021 - Treasurer, Borderlands Ballet Company
- 2017- 2020 President, Borderlands Ballet Company
- 2016-2017 Vice-President, Borderlands Ballet Company (Founding Member)

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**REFERENCES**

Available On Request

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